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## ONION GROWERS MAY ASK HOOVER TO FIX PRICE.

The growers of the Texas Bermuda onion growing district have taken preliminary steps to endeavor to market the spring's crop successfully. A meeting toward that end was held at Laredo Wednesday night and was largely attended by growers from every part of the district.

While nothing was definitely done at the Laredo meeting ways and means of handling the crop was discussed and a committee was appointed, one man from each onion growing district represented and at a later meeting of this committee an outline of several propositions was formulated, which were taken back home by each committeeman to be submitted to the growers for discussion and adoption or rejection. The committee will meet again Monday at Laredo, therefore in order to get the sentiment of the Cotulla growers on these several propositions, Mr. F. I. Rock, committeeman from Cotulla, has called a meeting at the Court House at 2 p. m. today.

At the present time there are over 5,000 cars of old onions on the market. The present acreage in Bermuda onions in Texas is over 18,000 against 12,000 last year, or an increase of 50 per cent. Present prospects point to a good crop.

It is the general opinion that all of these onions cannot be shipped and disposed of in the present day period. The plan to be worked out with it a specified number of cars to be shipped each day, and stringing out the shipping period for 90 to 100 cars. It is proposed also to send a committee to Washington to

put the matter before Mr. Hoover, Food Administrator, and show him the great danger of thousands of tons of foodstuffs going to waste, unless government help is given the growers. It is proposed by some that he be asked to fix a maximum price to the retailer at 5 cents per pound. Bermuda onions have always been sold at from 8 to 15 cents by the retailer. It is claimed that it alone would increase the consumption 100 per cent. Some growers also advocate that the Food commissioner fix the price for the grower at \$1 per bushel.

Mr. A. H. Rife of Valley Wells does not believe that the entire crop can be sold, and thereby proposes that only the best part of it be shipped; that is only the first and second grades, and that the culls, No. 3's and botlers be held back until the last. He also advocates that a survey be taken and that each and every grower of the entire district be allowed to ship 60 per cent of his crop first, then if the market can consume more, pro rate it and ship.

One of the greatest dangers to the onion grower was widely discussed at the Laredo meeting. That was the grower who every year stocks the market up with high priced green onions, which has always had the effect of bringing demoralization on the later shippers. With the State Inspection it is hoped that this class can be curbed effectively this year. A united effort will be made by many Laredo growers and all of this section to discourage exceptionally high prices for unmarketed onions at the outset. It is figured that if the product will be placed before the consumer at a reasonable price, that will allow the grower a reasonable profit, then perhaps the entire onion crop can

go to waste. If on the other hand the onions are held up as luxury as heretofore, then hundreds of cars will rot. The onion grower today is in the mood of doing the unheard of thing. He is in favor of asking the govern-

## FEDERAL FOOD PROGRAM WEEK'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE WHAT'S ASKED OF THE HOUSEWIFE

In the calendar of wheatless meals, so to speak, are the noonday, supper throughout the week, and the week is meatless. In order that the housewife may have the days clearly in mind, the following simple calendar of days is issued by E. A. Peden, Federal Food Administrator for Texas:

	Breakfast	Dinner	Supper
Sunday	Meatless	Meatless	Wheatless
Monday	Wheatless	Wheatless	Wheatless
Tuesday	Meatless	Meatless	Meatless
Wednesday	Wheatless	Wheatless	Wheatless
Thursday	Meatless	Meatless	Wheatless
Friday	Meatless	Meatless	Wheatless
Saturday	Meatless	Porkless	Wheatless

ment to fix a lower price instead of a higher price on his commodity so that the people can get the benefit.

The following committee was appointed at Laredo. This committee went back to their respective homes, have called meetings of their growers and will hold another committee meeting at Laredo Monday. With the sentiment gathered from the several propositions to be discussed, the committee will formulate some plan for action. The committee:

J. H. Davis, Laredo; F. I. Rock, Cotulla; E. N. Gray, Pearland; W. E. Fuller, Poteet; W. F. Smith, Asherton; R. A. Taylor, Crystal City; W. R. Stone, Carrizo Springs; J. B. Kirk, Big Wells; A. H. Rife, Valley Wells; C. C. Wolf, Cometa; I. J. Woodin, Mission.

The following growers attended the meeting at Laredo as delegates from Cotulla:

J. P. Daniel, F. D. Lowm, H. W. Hamilton, W. A. Kerr, C. E. Manly, F. T. Johnson, Fred Johnson, W. T. Pierce, Philip Johnson, D. E. Melcher, E. D. Cheneour Jesse Talbott and J. C. Poole.

## Camp Travis Men Carry Heavy Insurance With Government.

Division Publicity Office Ninetieth Division Camp Travis.

There had only been two men in the organization in the 359th Infantry had a company with \$10,000 policy. But there are 18 men in this organization, and Uncle Sam insures soldiers for the \$10,000 policy as set as maximum. Every man of those 198 for the limit. That's why they sell insurance at

12th, set under the last day of the insurance drive," found every man in the organization insured for a total of approximately \$260,000,000.00. It is like one hundred different organizations without a single union their rolls.

The limit for taking out insurance has been extended to \$10,000.00. In 1918, by recent congressional action, and the work remains for the Division of Insurance Office, under the direction of Captain Luther Hoffmann, formerly of Denton, Texas, to further present the matter of insurance to the few who have not yet taken advantage of government provision for protection of the soldier and his dependents against the misfortunes of war.

Walter M. Manly, formerly of Cotulla, Texas and now serving with the Headquarters Co., 1st F. A. N. A., at Camp Travis, Texas, has been officially appointed mail orderly for the 1st Regiment. Manly has made good on the job and his appointment was not a surprise to his many friends of the regiment.

### A Light Rain.

A light rain fell over the county yesterday morning. Jack Taylor reports about half an inch of rain at the La Metta ranch and also at the Dobie ranch. He said there was heavy thunder to the south of the Nueces and indications of a heavier fall. A heavy rain is reported from Tilden.

### PRAYER MEETING.

All who believe in prayer for a in as well as for their blessing upon our town and country, meet us in the regular prayer-meeting at the Baptist Church next Wednesday night. Don't fail.

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B. A. Myers,  
W. L. Skinner.



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## Irish Potatoes Grown With Success.

A. H. Rife of Valley Wells thinks the farmers of the Nueces Valley are making a mistake in staking so much on onions when Irish potatoes can be successfully grown. "On our farms, we have made splendid yields for several years," said Mr. Rife. "Care must be taken in preparing the land. We break it very deep twice and then if the season is dry give it a good irrigation. After it dries out sufficiently then go in and ridge it up; then take a small plow and open up the top of the ridges about four inches deep, plant your potatoes, and cover. Then fill the spaces between the ridges with water and let them alone until the potatoes are out of the ground three or four inches, then give them another good watering. Of course it depends on the season how many irrigations it will take to make the crop. We have never failed in making a good yield and I find the potatoes keep well."

E. P. Rasmussen, also on the Nueces across from Valley Wells stated to the RECORD Tuesday that he had had success with potatoes, and this year had put in five acres. The Irish Cobbler variety is the best for this section.

### District Court.

District Court opened Monday with Judge Thomas on the bench. The grand jury was empaneled at 10 o'clock, and finished up their business by five the same afternoon. Only one bill of indictment was returned and that was for assault to murder against J. W. Hough for the shooting of an old Mexican man at the railroad bridge in the early part of February. His trial has been set for Monday.

**PALACE MARKET**

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## LA SALLE'S LIST OF REGISTRARS

- IN CLASS ONE.**
- Pablo Ortiz, qualified.
  - W. D. Strickland, disqualified by M. Ad.
  - E. P. Holley, not yet examined.
  - Juan Rodriguez, failed to appear.
  - Jose Gomez, qualified.
  - Leonard Wonderly, qualified.
  - J. R. Way, qualified.
  - Wm. H. Welhaesen, limited.
  - W. S. Copp, qualified.
  - J. G. Childers, Jr. Appeal pending.
  - Julio B. Rodriguez, disqualified.
  - E. D. James qualified.
  - Jesse S. Rock, qualified.
  - Augustine Garcia, qualified.
  - Tomas Mendez, not examined.
  - Harvey Shull, qualified.
  - S. Houston Rouse, qualified.
  - T. G. Widener, disqualified.
  - Tomas Lopez, qualified.
  - Rosalio Anchondo, not examined.
  - Pablo Cortez, qualified.
  - Manuel Martinez, qualified.
  - Carlos Guerra, qualified.
  - Percy W. Steele, qualified.
  - George Gonzalez, qualified.
  - Lewis W. Carrell, limited.
  - Frank Chew, qualified.
  - Andres Ruis Torres, qualified.
  - Volley Day, disqualified.
  - Freddie Johnson, qualified.
  - Charlie Tarver, qualified.
  - Daniel Adami, qualified.
  - W. C. Wars, limited.
  - Arthur H. Buell, not examined.
  - Esequiel Rodriguez, qualified.
  - A. U. Knaggs, qualified.
  - Refugio Ramirez, qualified.
  - Clarence Neeley, qualified.
  - Penn Neeley, qualified.
  - Dionicio Ramirez, qualified.
  - Walter Evetts, qualified.
  - Lorenza Barrera, not examined.
  - Antonio Botello, qualified.
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C. E. MANLY, Publisher

The submarine is still in the game—and so is the submarine chaser.

Senator Sheppard, Williams Jennings Bryan and Joseph Bailey have all been invited to speak to the Texas Legislature. The Solons should get any variety they like from this trio.

The allied troops are confidently awaiting the much advertised offensive of the Germans on the West front. Hindenburg has made the statement that he would be in Paris by Easter, but Hindenburg has been mistaken before. The allies are "loaded" for that offensive, and the Teutons will find it out when they think they can move forward.

Farmers in the Valley Wells district have been successfully growing Irish potatoes for the last two or three years and this season have in quite a nice acreage. If Irish potatoes can be grown in the Nueces Valley twenty miles above Cotulla there is no reason why they cannot be successively raised here. Some farmers say they have tried it without much success, but it is likely they did not prepare their land right, or some other reason. We might get a cue from the farmers up at Valley Wells.

The onion growers of Southwest Texas have about become convinced that on account of the large quantity of old onions in storage the entire Texas Bermuda crop cannot be disposed of at advantageous prices and steps have been taken to systematically put as much of it as possible on the market. Just what plan will be worked out is not yet known, but it may be possible that an agreement will be reached whereby only a certain per cent of each growers crop will be shipped. A man does not like to go to the expense of producing something and then not market it but if part of the crop can be sold at a good price, it will be better than throwing the entire crop on the market and creating a congestion and a demoralization of prices whereby nothing is sold.

method could be devised whereby only a certain acreage would be planted each year, the problem of marketing would be solved. It must eventually come to this and the sooner the better.

A writer in one of the current magazines discusses interestingly the relation between land tenure and tenant farming in America. He finds rather a gloomy prospect, with the only hope for relief in such change as will break up the large holdings and permits their distribution in small parcels among men who now till the lands as tenants or employees. Admitting the premise, this writer's conclusions are logical, perhaps yet he fails to take into consideration another aspect of the question.

Farming in America is no longer the sort of venture that prevailed when Uncle Sam was giving away quarter sections of land that are now selling around \$100 and more per acre. Hope and strength were about all the capital then required to start life on a farm. Nowadays a very considerable investment must be made, usually in an amount beyond the reach of the average man. The aggregation of farms into large holdings is one of the seemingly natural developments of the agricultural industry. It is not especially desirable that this should be so, and the tendency may be checked in the manner suggested by the writer referred to, by forbidding alienation of title on part of the small holder. This invasion of private rights, amounting to tying certain citizens to the soil they occupy, approaches a more serious assault against democracy than any yet proposed.

The condition of the tenant farmer may be much improved by reforms in other directions. In some parts of the country these men are shamefully exploited by landlords and others, and surely deserve some relief. Abuses they now endure, however, may easily be corrected through other methods, while the question of land tenure is left for further discussion. The whole problem is one that must be faced in time, and even now is pressing for attention in some sections. It will not be solved, though, by mere change in system of land tenure, for its roots go deeper than mere ownership of the soil. —Omaha Bee.

**Cats of Japan and Cuba.**  
A statement is made by Professor Morse concerning the cats of Japan which we do not remember to have heard before; namely, that all the cats there are of the Manx breed, or at least tailless. A cat's tail is used like that of a kangaroo, to balance the body when the animal reaches up with its forward limbs; hence, we are told, the Japanese believe that the cats' tails in their country were originally cut off to prevent them from standing on their hind legs to pull things down to the floor. "This idea," says the author, "is paralleled in Cuba, where the ears of a cat are cut off to prevent it from roaming in the cane fields. The sudden showers that fall in the tropics are annoying to cats, inasmuch as the rain gets into their ears, and this they particularly loathe."

**For Little Brown Men.**  
In Japan the early part of the month of May is gala time for all little Japanese boys, because it is at that time that the birthday of every one of them is celebrated, notes a writer. The big, general birthday party is familiarly known as the "fish festival." During the fish festival every family in which there is a boy proudly heralds the fact by a flag that floats from a pole in the dooryard. It is desirable to have as tall and as big a pole as possible; so, in order to get this kind of a pole, it frequently happens that several families will club together and make one birthday pole do for all. This pole is then adorned with as many flags as there are little boys in the several families.

**An Optimist.**  
When the stock market was in the midst of a bad break which proved ruinous to many, two brokers who were caught in the pinch met and compared notes, relates the Cleveland Leader. As they talked a big, happy looking man passed, calling out cheerily to some friends. "Who is he?" asked the first broker. The other took a good look at the big fellow, whom he recognized as a plunger who had made a fortune, within a few days. "Huh," he said, "he's an optimist." "What is an optimist these days?" gloomily asked the other. Said the second broker: "The kind of a man, son, who when things are coming his way tells other people not to worry."

**The Animal's Trust.**  
"I will not fear what man can do!" The best "Don't Worry" appeal has been issued by the United States Public Health Service. In a statement presenting statistics on nervous diseases and showing the tendency of the worry habit to shorten life this service says: "So far as is known, no one has ever tried to build upon a nest that its neighbor; no fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in which to hide; no squirrel ever died of anxiety lest he should not lay by enough nuts for two winters instead of one, and no dog ever lost any sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones laid aside for his declining years."

**Forget Little Troubles.**  
When one thinks about it, few happenings are important enough to take seriously. Why be disturbed about the countless little things that irritate, asks a writer. What is a man's philosophy that it can meet great issues like a stoic and make him uncomfortable to live with just because the coal bill happens to be large or his new coat does not fit quite to his liking? Once having lost one's temper the whole world is out of joint—at least for the time being, and as men live in the "time being," that means much.

**Money Cannot Buy Them.**  
Scattered up and down this country are a number of cottages which no millionaire, however wealthy, could possibly hope to purchase, notes an exchange. Stratford-on-Avon has two such cottages—the house in which Shakespeare was born and the dwelling of his sweetest and wife, Anne Hathaway. Various attempts have been made to secure these historic, though humble cottages, but so far without success, owing to the fact that they are the property of the nation, the government having purchased them in the sixties for \$3,500 each.

**Billy's Queer Dog.**  
Billy's favorite toy is a little battered dog made of cloth, which is called Sport. This dog's permanent occupation is sitting on his hind legs. Recently his mother was about to take Billy for a walk. They had just started when he asked if he might go back to get Sport. Sport having joined them, the three had gone scarcely a block when Billy seeming to notice for the first time that his pet was forever seated, said: "Oh, I guess I'll take Sport back; no use of him going with us, he's only got two walkers."

**Scent a Mystery.**  
Strange that story told some years ago about an ancient tree in a country town. Under it was once found the body of a woman clasping in her hand some wild thyme, says an exchange. Nobody knew her, and no wild thyme grew near. Yet afterwards a strong, unmistakable scent of wild thyme was often noticed under the tree. The scent haunted the spot; people wholly ignorant of the circumstances could smell it, and would look for the plant which was not there.



THREE HUSKY FELLOWS READY TO HELP OUT IN THE LABOR SHORTAGE

Written for the Texas Food and Fertilizer Campaign by J. N. Harper



J. N. HARPER

Common labor is today the most sought after commodity in America. It is very scarce throughout the entire country. Farmers of the South are especially hard hit over the situation. During times the farmer should be doing economical work. A valuable commodity as labor. It must not be lost. Now is not the time to labor to clean out fences to do other kinds of futile work. There must be a plan. Every lick must count in answering the call and her allies, who to the farmer "Give us clothing!" The best way to get on the farm today is to get more work in growing crops. The farmer should not act most unwisely if he vate too much land with superfluous labor. A better way to increase the acreage cultivated, but more per acre, by the use of manure, good seed and machinery, all of which are available.

**The Modern Chauvinist.**  
Poets are the great exponents of the old-fashioned. No man putteth new wine into old bottles. But the modern professional occultist, while many of the occultists have been created in the bottle, John Masfield is pouring his new wine into old bottles. He is least "traditional," not at all old-fashioned, but he is wholly modern, new, contemporary. Yet while he draws his hemes and his heroes from his own experience, his inspiration as a poet comes directly from Chaucer, who died in 1400. He is, indeed, the Chaucer of today; the most closely akin to Chaucer—not only in temperament, but in a literary manner—of all the writers of the twentieth century.—The Bookman.

**Magnificent Bronze Doors.**  
The dome of St. Isaac's cathedral in Petrograd is the most conspicuous object in the capital. It is covered with copper, overlaid with gold, no less than £200,000 of gold being melted down for the purpose. Entering the cathedral by the magnificent bronze doors, 4 feet wide and 30 feet high, said to be the largest in the world, the visitor is overwhelmed by its richness and massive splendor. The dome of the shrine is supported by eight Corinthian pillars of malachite, given by Prince Demidoff, and valued at £130,000. The total cost of this cathedral is estimated at £25,000,000.

**The Forests of Porto Rico.**  
According to a publication of the United States forest service the once immense virgin forests of Porto Rico have been laid waste to a deplorable extent, says the Scientific American. The total wooded area now amounts to about 20 per cent of the area of the island, but not more than two-fifths of this is now under forest capable of yielding a wood product other than charcoal and fuel wood. The area of high forest is hardly 2 per cent of the total land area. Reforestation is a great need of the country, both for the sake of the water supply and to provide timber and fuel.

**Farmer, the Spoilt Child.**  
However, much other trades may have been controlled, the farmer seems always to have been the spoilt child of the state in the matter of prices, says London Tit Bits. So far from limiting his prices, our great-grandfathers seem to have considered it was in the national interest that the price of corn should be as high as possible, and it was at one time the law that no foreign wheat might be imported at all unless the price of the home-grown article had reached 50 shillings a quarter.

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## Proclamation



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Every day there is something new in food conservation. It can be learned in no quicker or better way than through the columns of the newspapers.

Read these articles upon food conservation and food production. Don't skip in reading.

If you don't remember or haven't a good memory—cut out the items and save them for continuous reference.

Use the newspapers to keep posted. Mails are slow. The story is always in the paper before it reaches our district and county administrators. You owe it to yourself to keep posted. You will then know the law and be able to live up to the law. Remember, if you violate the regulations you are subject to a fine of \$5000 or two years' imprisonment, or both, and ignorance of the law is no excuse.

Read the newspapers. They are the voluntary distribution agents of the government.

E. A. PEDEN,  
Federal Food Administrator for Texas.



## Build Up for Winter

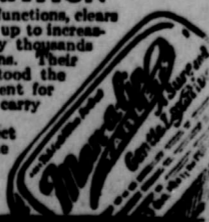
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## RED CROSS WANTS 22,000,000 CHILDREN IN ITS MEMBERSHIP

Resolutions requesting the governments of the five states in the Southwestern Division of the American Red Cross to make official proclamations, if they have not already done so, recognizing the Junior Red Cross as an important element in the work of the schools of these states and calling special attention to the Junior Red Cross drive from Feb. 14 to 23 were adopted by the advisory committee of the Junior Red Cross at a conference in St. Louis recently.

The committee also urged the various boards of education, state, county and city, in this division, to recognize the Junior Red Cross as the one official organization for war relief activities in schools, and asked the United States Bureau of Education, through its department work for community centers, to give all possible help to work of the Junior Red Cross.

It was requested that the Department of Superintendence of the National Education Association in its meeting in Atlanta recognize the work of the Junior Red Cross.

**Slogan of the Campaign.**  
"Every school a Red Cross auxiliary, and center for national service" is the slogan of the intensive drive for the enrollment of all public, private and parochial schools as Red Cross auxiliaries. George W. Simmons, manager of the Southwestern Division, who has gone to France for Red Cross information, said since the Southwestern Division passed all other divisions in the country during the Christmas membership drive the juniors must "go over the top" in the same splendid way. The goal is for 22,000,000 junior members in the United States, which, with the present Red Cross membership of 22,000,000, will make the total 44,000,000.

Mrs. E. R. Kroeger, director of Junior membership in the Southwestern Division, says each school will be enrolled as a unit, all of its pupils becoming junior members of the Red Cross, the school unit assuming the obligation to raise a sum equal to 10 cents for each member. This fund remains in the school treasury to be administered by the pupils themselves in the purchase of raw materials with which to work or otherwise, as they wish, with the advice of instructors, and elect.

**What Children Can Do.**  
"There are many definite things which the junior membership can accomplish within the range of their scholastic activities," says Mrs. Kroeger. "It is not the intention to encroach in any way upon the pupils' play time, but to deflect the course in manual training, domestic science, etc., into some form of Red Cross production."

## EVERETT COLBY



Everett Colby of Orange, N. J., is member of the United States Food Administration's Commission to France, who has returned recently to the United States. He will make a tour of Southern Texas during the week of March 17-23, beginning on March 17 at Houston. He will give an account of what he saw of food needs and deprivations in France, England, Italy, Belgium and the Balkan States; and will be heard at Houston on March 17, San Antonio on March 18, Austin on March 19, Bryan on March 20, Galveston, March 21; Beaumont, March 22, and Marshall on March 23. Special rates will be made for his lecture from adjoining cities and towns by the railroads. Every patriotic Texan should hear this speaker. At the same time Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur of the Stanford University and Miss Kate Barnard will be speakers at Richmond, Cuero, Victoria, Brenham, Ansonia, Bay City, Conroe, Orange, Palestine, Jacksonville and Longview. The commission's investigations of the food situation started at once, until early in January when was concluded in France, member of the commission made every moment to find how Europe's need of American

and Paris were visited. The firm, where English women as to become agriculturists, acted, and in France Mr. Hoover and other members of the commission many of the farming

commission has been able to accurate resume of the situation from informal observation and trips made in company with French officials. The situation will be presented by Mr. Hoover in vivid, impressive fashion.

Colby is an attorney, has been member of the New Jersey house of representatives, and of the New Jersey senate, and of the New Jersey National Guard.

## WHOLESALE DENIED S. FOOD LICENSE

AGAINST SAN ANTONIO SIGNED BY HOOVER.

Not Allowed to Operate as Wholesaler, Broker or Jobber—Action Result of Refusal to Accept Shipment.

J. L. Gengler & Co. of San Antonio, because of a refusal to accept two carloads of potatoes consigned to them by McClintock & Co. of Wisconsin, has been denied by the United States Food Administration the privilege of operating further in the United States as wholesaler, broker or jobber in any of the commodities embraced in the proclamations of the president, or hereafter to be issued by the president.

United States Food Administrator Hoover signed the order refusing a license to the company February 12. The firm had made application for license, but the matter had been held pending the termination of this controversy.

The record in the case was prepared in San Antonio, where the hearing was held during the last week in January. The record or findings of fact made by the special examiner, in substance that the refusal to accept shipment of two cars of potatoes on the part of J. L. Gengler & Co. was unwarranted, was forwarded on February 4 to Washington.

"The effect of the order," states the legal department of the Federal Food Administration of Texas, is that the Gengler firm may no longer deal as a wholesaler, jobber or broker in any of the commodities embraced in either of the proclamations of the president heretofore issued or that may hereafter be issued.

"This complaint is but one of hundreds that are being received by the Federal Food Administration of Texas complaining of the refusal to accept shipment. While each complaint must stand on its own facts, there has undoubtedly been a disposition on the part of some dealers, in the presence of a falling market, to reject shipments on trivial or baseless grounds, causing a tying up of railroad equipment and deterioration of contents. The Federal Food Administration of Texas will give just consideration to complaints of consignors that consignees are acting wrongfully, as well as complaints of consignees that consignors have made shipment of inferior quality not covered by contract."

## ON WATCH FOR AIRPLANE SCOUT

Episode Illustrative of One of Many Diverse Phases of the War.

### CLOSE VIGILANCE NECESSARY

Three Whistles; Presto, Battery Camouflaged!—In This Instance Venturesome German Machine Plunged to Earth.

London.—The airplane sentry sat on his solitary mound in the middle of the field in the hot sunshine. His business was to watch for hostile airplanes and warn the battery of their approach. It does not sound a very arduous business, but it is one that requires considerable training if mistakes are to be avoided. Airplanes fly too high nowadays for their distinguishing marks to be discerned, even through the best glasses. The sentry must be able to detect the enemy as soon as he comes in sight, at whatever angle he may happen to be flying; and with so many different types of machine in the air this requires experience and a quick eye.

The experience he had gained by being attached for some days to an anti-aircraft battery whose business it was to spot all hostile planes at once; quickness of vision was inbred in him; he had an Englishman's love of sport. The attitude of watchfulness seemed natural to him as he sat with his glass slung round his neck, his eyes searching the skies all about him.

A couple of hundred yards away, the battery was at the height of its morning toilet. The big guns were uncovered and the limber-gunsners and their assistants were performing the morning ablutions of their charges, washing out the bores and scrubbing them with the long-handled plumb brushes that take four men to push through. The artificer was testing air pressures; the section officers and their layers were busy with the sights. Behind the guns, again, groups of men were laying shells in rows, taking them from the heaps in which they had been dumped by the ammunition column during the night. The whole orchard was a scene of activity, and contentment was out of the question while it lasted.

### Sudden Transformation.

Suddenly the airplane sentry stood up, gazed at a distant speck in the sky through his glasses for a few seconds, then blew three blasts upon his whistle. Before the echoes had died away

a furious scene-shifting began in the battery. The cleaning squads put down their utensils and drew up the gun-covers, the artificer put his spanners in his pocket and sprang under the nearest tree, where he was joined by the section officers and their assistants. The shell numbers hastily covered their work with leaves and brushwood, and hid themselves under cover of the shed that acted as an ammunition store. In ten seconds, where all the activity had been the sharpest eye would have seen nothing but a compact rehearsal, with here and there a group of men sheltering under trees, invisible from the air.

The German airplane made a wide sweep over the lines at a great height, the nucleus of a scattered pattern of shrapnel that burst all around it, leaving puffs of smoke that hung like cottonwood against the clear blue of the sky. Then, apparently not liking the look of a couple of British fighters that rose to pursue it, it made off, without having been anywhere near the battery. The airplane sentry blew his whistle once more and the covers were stripped off the guns and the interrupted work went on again.

### A Second Invitation.

But the sentry redoubled his vigilance. The battery had made itself exceedingly unpopular with the German; it had recently put several of his guns out of action, besides accounting for a big minenwerfer that had annoyed the infantry in the front line, and it was evident that he meant to discover its position somehow. There were several German balloons up as it were, though a fortunate rise in the ground just hid the battery from their view. Nor was it likely that on a day when visibility was so good the enemy would stop at one casual airplane. It was far more likely that he would send them over at intervals throughout the day.

And so it happened. Before an hour was past a second speck appeared in the sky and again the scene shifting took place on the blast of the whistle. This time the host's plane was shaping a course that would bring it very nearly over the battery, and the sentry watched it with some concern. On it came, the shrapnel bursting furiously round it, diving and wheeling to disconcert the gunner's aim. It swept over the battery, we it straight on for a few minutes, then turned and came back again. Had it seen anything suspicious? The sentry scanned the orchard sharply. Everything was in perfect order, not even a bully-beef tin lay about to betray a sign of human occupation; there were no tracks visible across the grass; every trifle was carefully covered up. It is on details like this that the safety of a battery depends. Upon the slightest hint that anything is hidden in a particular spot the airplane calls up its guns and ranges on the place. And ever afterward one has the uncomfortable feeling that one is concealed and that at

any moment a torrent of shell may arrive.

### Pursued by Shrapnel.

The plane was perceptibly lower; it almost seemed as if its suspicious must have been aroused. It swept off toward home, pursued by the bursting shrapnel that it dodged as if by a series of miracles. But suddenly it seemed to quiver, its tail went up, and it began to dive steeply. The sentry watched it eagerly through his glasses. Was it a ruse to escape the shell, or was it hit? Slowly the plane began to turn over as it fell, and then, all at once, all control seemed to leave it, and it dropped steadily, turning over and over, the sun flashing from its polished fuselage as it did so. Lower and lower it fell, until only a few hundred feet from the ground, when it turned on its side and crashed swiftly to earth, a mile or so from the battery.

The sentry blew his whistle once more, and the battery returned to work cheering and whistling. They had seen the machine come to earth and was proportionately elated. But, as always, a chivalrous feeling for their fallen enemy was mingled with the men's joy.

### "Plucky sportsman, that," said one, and the rest echoed his sentiments.

## Y. M. C. A. WORK IN COW SHED

Recreational Work for American Troops in France Begun in Humble Surroundings.

Paris, France.—Refreshments and amusements were provided by the American army and navy Young Men's Christian association for the first American troops stationed for training in the first-line trenches. The work began in a cow shed in a little village just behind the front lines under the direction of Ira D. Shaw, a former Columbia university football player. The equipment to begin with consisted of a small supply of chocolate, cigarettes and matches, which were passed out to the men as they passed the hut on their way "up the line." Soon the cow shed was abandoned for a large, hospitable room with a magnificent fireplace. The association headquarters in Paris largely suggested the supply of refreshments and provided magazines, writing paper, and a talking machine, which was an "active service" from early morning until late at night.

The Y. M. C. A. secretaries did not confine their work to the huts, but went almost to the front trenches with newspapers, magazines, tobacco, and other supplies.

## DAYTON HAS LEAGUE TO WATCH ALIENS

Dayton, O.—The American Protective league, to co-operate with Federal authorities in run-

ning down slackers and seditious aliens, has been organized here. Practically every factory, shop, business house and industrial enterprise in Dayton is represented in the league's membership.

The medium between the public and government secret agents for the transmission of information relative to seditious remarks and efforts to escape the draft is Dayton's postmaster, who is receiving written messages daily from citizens furnishing clues.

## SENSITIVE ABOUT HER FEET

Kansas City Woman Resents Reference to Her Pedal Extremities by Judge.

Kansas City, Mo.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, a bridal couple, quarreled within 48 hours after their marriage. Their troubles came before Judge Joe Keirman of the municipal court.

Mrs. Miller explained that her husband made a sarcastic remark about her feet, as she slipped on the ice and snow, on a downtown corner, and the quarrel ensued. The police had to interpose.

The judge admonished them and gave some sage advice:

"Try to be more careful next time," he advised.

As the couple started to leave the judge remarked:

"Your feet look like they ought to hold you up."

"I hope you fall flat the first minute you step outside the door," replied Mrs. Miller, as, with reddening cheeks, she backed out of the court room.

## LOVER BORROWS A "FATHER"

Oklahoma Youth, Under Legal Age, Seeking Marriage License, Is Resourceful.

Bartlesville, Okla.—C. O. Gray, twenty, of Choctaw, got a father, a girl and a marriage license, all in one day. Recently he applied to the district court clerk for a marriage license. Being only twenty, that official had to refuse the important paper.

Young Gray declared that both his parents were dead and he had rustled for himself since he was ten years old. He left the court determined to "la out some way."

Later he returned with one "Mr. Gray," who said he was the father of the boy and was ready to give his consent to his "son" getting married. The clerk issued the license, and then ascertained that young Gray had told a short time before that both his parents were dead.

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Delbert Neal returned Sunday from San Antonio.

Bormuda Onion Seed for sale by H. B. Miller.

Misses Florine and Mary Holman visited San Antonio last Saturday.

Come to the High School Auditorium Friday night March 8th.

Mrs. H. W. Hamilton and little son returned Thursday from a two weeks visit in San Antonio.

Martin J. Arnold, attorney at law of San Antonio, was here during the week attending District Court.

S. H. Yates, of El Reno, Okla. was among the arrivals Monday and is visiting at the Cotulla Rock farm.

Don't forget to come to Aunt Debby Friday night March 8th.

Chas. E. Neal has decorated his Auto Sales room with two or three dozen mounted deer heads.

Say, do you enjoy a grand hearty laugh? Then come to Ashrael Grant Friday night.

A. H. Camp, one of the best known men in the border country, is at the Cotulla home for the present, and make Cotulla his headquarters for the next two months.

OYSTERS. I will shipments of large file on Mondays and will a dozen lots for 10c per dozen. W. Holman.

LOST—Ranch Time between Gaddis Pharmacy and home. Had my name on Finder please return.

JACK MALTSBY

Rev. H. W. Hamilton preach at the Pre Church Sunday morning evening. The members especially urged to be Matters of vital importance discussed. Everybody invited.

**NOTICE.**

All members of the American Red Cross Chapter of La Salle county who have not paid their membership fee please call at 401 do so. J. H. Gallman is Treasurer.

W. KAMPMAN, Chairman.

**Mothers Club Play Next Friday Night**

"Breezy Point," a comedy in three acts will be played at the Auditorium next Friday night under the auspices of the Parents Teachers Association.

**CHARACTERS.**

Aunt Derby Dexter—Misses Patty Mays.

Elinor Pearl, of unknown parentage.—Miss Florine Holman.

Ashrael Grant, a workhouse wail.—Mrs. Lacey.

Mrs. Hardscratch, with business properties.—Mrs. Pate.

The Hardscratch Twins, who never tell nothing.—Mrs. Fullerton and Miss Spencer.

Melitable Doolittle, manufacturer of catarrh snuff and biters. Miss Zahl.

Bernice Vernon, Laura Leigle, Edith Norton, Clarice Fensleigh, aunt Debby's summer boarders fresh from boarding school.—Miss Lexie Peters, Alva Gaddis, Helen Wildenthal, Mary Holman.

Fantine, Miss Vernon's French Maid.—Mrs. Dyson.

Old Clem, the Gypsy.—Miss Nettie Spradlin.

**Writes Letters From Somewhere in France.**

Dr. J. D. Motheral, for a number of years a resident of Cotulla, but now living at Angleton, Texas, is somewhere in France, and the last issue of the Angleton Times, printed the following extracts from letters to Mrs. Motheral.

Saturday Night, Jan. 19, 1918.

—I received orders yesterday to come to this place and take charge of a small hospital at a balloon observation station. Will have charge of about three times as many men as I have had before, and that number will be added to all the time. Just now I am the only doctor here, but will be given assistance soon. We are located 12 or 15 miles back of the trenches, but close enough to hear the big guns going at night. It makes a fellow feel just a little lonesome, after leaving all the men he has come so far with and been with for almost three months. But I am glad to make the change. I never would have been satisfied back at a training camp. In so much as I have given up everything to come, I want to get in the game. We are located near—only a few miles from where some of the greatest battles of the war have been fought, and the chances are the same thing will happen again in a very short time. But the French won before and we are expecting to do the same again.

This is my first opportunity to get much idea of the French soldier. They are a splendid, sturdy bunch. I suppose the 3-1-2 years training is what has wrought them out. They are well fed and well clothed. I can't see how the German soldier can be any better.

I took a long ride today over some of the country that was fought over during the first part of the war. It is pitiful to see the ruins of towns and homes that were prosperous and beautiful before the war. Some of the big guns left standing, too big to move, (in total ruin.)

Jan. 26th, 1918

Just received two letters from you, the last one written Dec. 19th, I am liking my new location better all the time, getting acquainted with the officers and men. A great many of them are from the West and South. We have a nice place to stay—four of us in a little hut 15 by 30 feet. No electric at this place. We are not allowed to have much light—have to keep our windows shaded at night to keep the German planes from seeing us. It seems more like war up here. We have our gas masks and steel helmets, and trenches and dugouts to go in to if necessary. It is quite interesting so near the lines. Something doing all the time. Saw a balloon shot down the other day, and the men had to jump into a parachute 2 or 3 thousand feet. See the men on the lines shooting at the planes, and the big guns are going all the time, day and night. Some of them make our shack tremble. We can walk over on a hill about 2 miles from camp and see the trenches with field glasses, but of course can't tell much of what they are doing at that distance.

I think I am to have things fixed up pretty nice. They are to build a new hospital that will take care of about 100 men and I am to be in full charge. I believe I like it better than being under some one in a larger place. I will have an ambulance also, and will be glad when these improvements are made.

Our camp is on a very historical old battle ground. The old trenches where the French have driven the Germans back are less than a mile from us.


The French have a very good feeling toward the Americans and our coming in has helped

**STYLE**

**LOOK TO YOUR FEET.**

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their morale very much.

They constantly pass our camp going to the front and seem in fine spirits, confident of holding the Germans back, but it is hard to drive them from their trenches. They seem hopeful that this year will end the war.

We keep warm from fires made with coal that costs the Government \$65.00 a ton, I am told. I see you are still having very cold weather in America. Most of the large U. S. dailies have branches in London or Paris. I get my paper most every day. It is almost like a letter from home.

We are 10 miles from any town. This part of the country seems to all be given up to war.

**Cemetery Association.**

At a meeting of the Cemetery Association on Feb. 19th there were plans made to canvass the town soliciting a small contribution from each family, thereby creating a fund to put and keep the cemetery in good condition. The ladies who conducted this campaign met with hearty co-operation from the people. The plan was that each one put their own plot in order and the funds be used in cleaning vacant lots and graves.

Mrs. M. P. Thompson who was appointed Chairman of the move was assisted ably by Mrs. J. A. Copp and Miss Alice Copp. They went to the cemetery early Saturday morning with a bunch of Mexican laborers and began what has resulted in the most thorough cleaning of the cemetery has ever had. We feel that it is due these ladies that those who contributed to this fund would at an early date

drive out and for themselves see what a splendid work has been done. We believe there will be a zeal awakened in the hearts of many to continue the good work until the city of our dead will have the appearance of a place of rest—rather than a wilderness of thorns and brush.

The Cemetery Association respectfully requests that all persons who have graves dug will in the future dispose of the remaining earth by removing it either from the enclosure or filling in some low place with it. If the earth is left, after growth and rainfall they are often mistaken for a neglected grave to say nothing of the appearance of the grounds. Also we request that in remounting graves earth be hauled for the purpose and not dug out any where within the enclosure. We trust no one will consider these requests unreasonable and if you consider them so we believe that any member of the Association could make the matter appear reasonable, if you will but give them an appointment. There were several who could not go out for all day rendered assistance in the afternoon to those ladies who had themselves worked all day. This work consumed 3 days hard work and all plots were alike cared for with the exception of a few that are always kept in good condition.

A Member.

Mr. H. C. Fullerton left Thursday for Camp Bowie, where he has entered the Y M C A work. He will be stationed at Ft. Worth for the present but may be moved at any time. Mr. Fullerton is specially fitted for this work and his friends have no doubt but what he will gain success. His business interests here are in the hands of Mr. D. L. Neeley, who will be in charge of the store until after the war.

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